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Lon Thomas
Star Stone Quarries, Inc.
4040 South 300 West
Salt Lake City, Utah 84107

Subject: Amendment to Notice of Intention to Commence Large Mining Operations, Star Stone Quarries, Inc., Cotton Thomas Mine, M/003/024, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Thomas:

On October 4, 2002, March 6, 2003 and April 23, 2004, the Division received your application, and maps to amend the Cotton Thomas Quarry large mining permit. This amendment involved relocating the North Granite Quarry approximately 1200 feet to the southeast. The initial review of this amendment showed the location of the new quarry on property that was owned by Pickett Sheep and Ranch. You were informed that you would either need to move the location, or obtain a lease from the Pickett's before the Division could approve this amendment. With your 2004 annual report, received January 31, 2005, you have corrected the location of this quarry, showing the location is on lands that you own/control. All amendments received to date are now approved..

The Division also informed you that a reclamation surety would need to be posted to include the additional disturbance, until such time that the original North Granite quarry was reclaimed. During a site visit during the 2004 field season, it was noted that you have reclaimed the East Granite Quarry (approximately 2 acres). The Division can use the surety assigned to this quarry to offset the surety that would be required for this amendment. Therefore, the Division finds this amendment is now complete and we hereby issue final approval of this amendment.

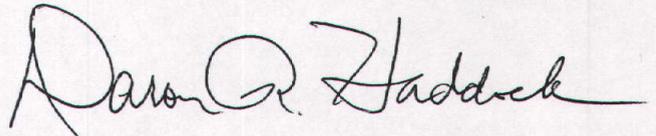
Please note that the reclamation surety for the Cotton Thomas Quarry is due for the standard five year review this year. This will include bringing unit costs to current values and escalating for the next five years. It will be to your advantage to have the reclamation work completed on the old North Granite

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Quarry prior to this time so we can exclude those costs on the updated surety. The Division will inform you at the onset and will schedule a joint inspection of the site.

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate give us a call.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Daron Haddock". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Daron Haddock
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program